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**PATENT**

Docket No.: 43890-463

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of : **Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
Toshiki KINDO, et al. : **Expedited Procedure**  
Application No.: 09/708,083 : Customer Number: 20277  
Filed: November 08, 2000 : Confirmation Number: 9891  
Group Art Unit: 2167  
Examiner: Greta L. Robinson

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMAGE RETRIEVAL:

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire December 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: